IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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REPLY

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 16, 2008, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.